

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

There is provided herein a skimmer apparatus for use in ornamental ponds and the like. According to a preferred embodiment there is provided a skimmer that has a submersible pump directly connected thereto and which is designed to sit within the pond  
5 itself, e.g., it might rest on a pond's plant shelf, or might hang by straps or other mechanical means from the pond's edge. Preferably, a submersible pump external to the skimmer body is attached thereto to draw surface water into the skimmer where leaves and other debris will be removed from the water. The submersible pump might either be mounted to a sidewall of the skimmer or mounted to its bottom, the latter being especially  
10 appropriate for installation in ponds without plant shelves. The skimmer preferably contains at least a leaf strainer or basket for debris removal.

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